

REMARKS

In response to the newly recited species election requirement, the Applicants elect for examination purposes the species of claim 1 wherein the complex analyte sample is depleted of abundant proteins that have a numeric complexity of less than 5-10% of the total number and represent at least 50% of the total mass of proteins of said sample. This species is recited explicitly in claims 27 and 29, which were newly added with the Response submitted on October 5, 2009. Thus, all pending claims are still within the restriction group chosen for examination.

In addition, Applicants have amended claim 25 in the "whereby" clause of the final method step. This amendment is made in clarification of the antecedent reference in that clause.

Applicants submit that all claims are in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested.

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The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the undersigned attorney to discuss any matter that would expedite allowance of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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